



Sermon Questions: *Grace-Filled Identity*

Date: *July 11, 2021* | **Scripture:** *Ephesians 5:1-21*

1. Read Ephesians 5:1-2. What does Paul draw our attention to as our model for life as Christians? Be specific.
2. Read Ephesians 5:3-8a. Which prohibited behaviors here slip under our radar in our Christian culture? Why do you think that might be? And which do we emphasize?
3. Verses 8-21 offer us a set of contrasts. What is the impact of each of these?
4. We are idolaters, but God has forgiven us in Christ. Pastor Terence challenged us to think about the things that influence us, and the people or things we imitate. What rival influences are prevalent in our subculture(s)? What models are offered to us for imitation? How might they tempt us to idolatry?
5. A friend comes to you and says they realized on Sunday that they are influenced by their teammates far more than by Christ, and that they spend most of their energy imitating a particular non-Christian figure. How do you counsel them? Play around with specifics to get deeper.

Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.

1. What influences you most? Think of what you spend most time reading/listening to/watching, or where you spend your time and money.
2. Re-read Ephesians 5:14-21. How might you put this into action in your life this week?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Psalm 103
- Proverbs 1:8-19
- Numbers 6:22-27
- Hebrews 12:18-29
- 1 Peter 1:13-17
- John 14:1-4

Listen to the Ephesians worship playlist on Spotify.

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